

March 18, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable William R. Brakebill
Mayor of Athens
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HONORABLE HOWARD BAKER RPT DLY MGM

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DEAR SENATOR BAKER, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT. THE
PRESIDENT COULD HAVE DONE NO BETTER. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AS IS THE
COUNTRY. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY'S COUNCIL OF ATHENS MAY GOD BLESS YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU BEGIN THIS MOST IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR.

WILLIAM R BRAKEBILL MAYOR ATHENS TENNESSEE

815 NORTH JACKSON

ATHENS TN 37303

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Dear Bill

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March 18, 1987

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Charles A. Howell III
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CHIEF OF STAFF

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THE CONTRY AND TENNESSEE WILL BE PROUD OF YOU IN YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT.
JULY AND I WISH YOU WELL AND SEND OUR WARMEST GREETINGS TO JOY AND
THE FAMILY. GIVE OUR BEST REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS REAGAN WHO
HAVE MADE THE WISEST POSSIBLE CHOICE FOR THE LEADERSHIPOF THEIR TEAM.

CHARLES A HOWELL III

2704 12TH AVE SOUTH

NASHVILLE TN 37204

Dear Charlie

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March 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Kuhlman:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. J. T. Kuhlman
General Manager
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Washington, D.C. 20004

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Congratulations!
Best wishes for
every success -

From all of us
here at the Willard
J.T. Kuhlman

Dear
Mr.
J.T. Kuhlman
General Manager

The Willard Inter-Continental

Thank you

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March 18, 1987

Dear Governor DiPrete:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Edward D. DiPrete
Governor of Rhode Island
The State House
Providence, RI 02903

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SENATOR THE HONORABLE HOWARD BAKER
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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DEAR SENATOR BAKER,

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING NAMED THE NEW WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF. I
WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS, YOU HAVE MY CONTINUED SUPPORT.

BEST WISHES

GOVERNOR EDWARD D. (DI PRETE) *Dear Gov.*

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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Dear Mr. Higgins:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Chester A. Higgins, Sr.
2139 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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Dear Sen. Baker:

I want to add my voice to the immense sigh of relief we are hearing all over the National Capital Region and throughout much of the U.S. over your assuming the helm of chief executive of the President's White House staff.

You do not know me personally--although I have met you several times, briefly--but you were responsible for my being here in Washington, D.C. In 1972, I was senior editor of JET magazine and a contributing editor of Ebony, living in Hyde Park, Chicago, when I resigned to come here to work for Benjamin L. Hooks, the first Black in history to be appointed to the Federal Communications Commission. You appointed that man and I became his special assistant. We were the first Blacks of policymaking rank on that rulemaking, independent commission of congress.

Our trials, travails and triumphs during the more than five yearson that commission would be grist for a rather lengthy book or novel.

For the present, let me say I have always found you to be a compassionate man, sensitive, understanding, intelligent-- never heard a mean word or witnessed nasty act emanating from your office. Strange, too, for a white man, a Republican and a Southerner. You kinda restored -- no, that's not the right word; rather, you forced me to accept the possibility that there might be another white , Southern Republican with honesty and some probitive value at his core.

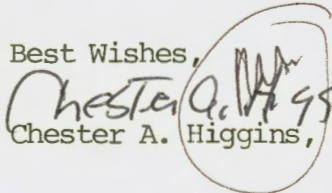
Ben Hooks has gone on, as you know, to greater glory-- heading the NAACP and becoming the Number One Black civil rights leader in the U.S. I have traveled hither and yon. Presently I am director of Public Information Services for the National Cacucus and Center On Black Aged, Inc., a small underfunded charitable organization that devotes almost its entire energies to addressing the horrendous problems of the nation's Black aged, one of the fastest growing groups in the U.S.

Whatever road I take, I shall always be grateful to you for providing me the opportunity to come to the nation's capital(which my wife and I dearly love) and become part, if only a small part, of the many great historic events that have transpired here in the past 15 years.

I will not offer you congratulations. That more appropriately should be directed to the President of the U.S. My deepest sympathy and commiseration should be extended to you as you undertake your awesome task. Nevertheless, it is my firm belief that if any one man canbring back a semblance of trust and credibility to the center of our government, that man is you.

You should know that I stand ready to assist you in anyway I can, should you find the need of my support.

Best Wishes,


Chester A. Higgins, SR.

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March 18, 1987

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. B. Ray Thompson
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Knoxville, TN 37939-0388

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B. RAY THOMPSON
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March 2, 1987

Honorable Howard Baker, Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Howard:

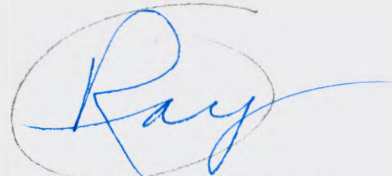
Nothing in recent years has pleased me more than to watch you appear on television on Friday and advise the world that you were accepting the appointment of Chief of Staff at the White House. I am so proud of you, and I already know what an asset you will be to President Reagan and the Republican Party.

I tried to call you to offer my congratulations but was unable to make contact. I later heard that you were back in Florida with your family and made no further attempt to call.

All Scott Countians, your father and mine, knew that you had to have a sharp stick and new broom to clean house. Based on what I read and hear via the media the White House needs this treatment worse than any other. I am sure you know just how to get the job done.

My very best wishes to you and your family.

Very sincerely,



B. R. Thompson

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March 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Warner:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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EUGENE R. WARNER
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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HON. HOWARD BAKER
CHIEF OF STAFF
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR BAKER:

CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR NEW POSITION WILL GIVE YOU
GREATER VISIBILITY. YOU HAVE THE RESPECT AND AFFECTION
AND THE PRAYERS OF THE COUNTRY. I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO
QUALIFY YOU IN OUR GREAT STATE OF NEVADA IN NINETY-TWO,
(92) AS I DID IN NINETEEN-EIGHTY.(1980).

WITH GREAT ESTEEM, AND WARM REGARDS


EUGENE R. WARNER

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March 18, 1987

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Fred Conlin
2668 Canfield Terrace
Brighton, MI 48116

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Dear Howard -

It's been a long long time since our days in Chattanooga and the 1964 Campaign but I still have my white "Bakers hat" (actually it was Clara's) and your picture adorns the wall above this desk... I somehow felt that one day I would write you C/O The White House... and now I am... We left Chattanooga in the summer of '66 so we missed the real fun, sadly!

Congratulations on your new job... It took a lot of courage to accept... we were proud for you! If it means any thing I can tell you people out in the "hinterlands" don't give a darn about the arms deal and/or funds to the Contras. By in large they are tired of it... when it would go away! There is a little noise on the college campuses - and - from "nut people" in the letters to the editor columns who express their habitual outrage at any thing & everything... But... it don't amount to a hill of beans! People seem to be more concerned about the President's aging and general health... I hear the word "Failing" frequently in reference to his health, but it's followed by a question mark, not a period.

Assuming that one day you will run for President you are in darn good position to gain national name identification and offer the public demonstrated ability to run the store! I don't suggest this as a motive for accepting but it's gonna happen... what an opportunity!! eh?

Clara's and my life in the "political wars" continued on after Chappa in So Bend and Toledo... ended when we came to Michigan 10 yrs ago... (things here are a mess) but

While we were into it, it was fun and very rewarding from the
friendships we have made in, and out, of the party... I had a
stroke about 5 yrs ago and the Doc's told me to retire from
work... or die! So... The "Rockin Chairs for me" in But to
provide for some "extras" Clara dusted off her Teachers credentials
of 35 yrs ago, and started up as a substitute Teacher. She's now
on call for 5 area school districts and goes in almost every day!
She's very popular with the schools but the kids call her the "mean one!"
Howard... you have our prayers and wishes for success... Good Luck!
Say Hi To Sec. Brack if you see him... Bill T. Too... (The "ole
RAINmaker") Rep Lukers & Latta also... people we met along the
way

Sincerely & Respectfully

Fred Conlin (Clara too)

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Dear Joe:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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JOSEPH H. DAVENPORT, JR.
P. O. BOX 1369
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

Dear Howard, What a thrill it is to see you assume the awesome responsibilities of "Chief of Staff". I feel much better about the country's prospects for the next two years. After singing your praises for over 20 years, it's great to now have so much company. As for me, I learned last summer that I had lymphoma. Tomorrow I start Chemo at Mayo's Jacksonville. You told me a few months ago what a remarkable institution it is and I agree! Hopefully after three months of treatment the results will be good, and I look forward to seeing you then. So encouraging to know Joy is feeling well again, and Aedy joins in sending love to both of you. Best regards, Joe H

March 18, 1987

Dear Lynn and Steve:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 2, 1987

Dear Senator,

Congratulations are in order, I trust, rather than condolences.

I recall that during the 1980 campaign, you described politics as the forum in which ideas become public policy. It seems to me that one reason you are in your new post is that the previous tenant failed to assure that good and sound ideas became public policy. I wish you every success in adding those adjectives to your formula .

Lynn and I are both delighted for you. She's been telling her friends the bogus headline that circulated around this office on Friday "Butcher out, Baker in, Candlesticks Safe". Best wishes in your new challenge, even though it seems to mean no repeats of hair-raising adventures on Air Lonnie.

Dear Steve & Lynn

Steve Delaney

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Dear Roy:

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With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 3, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker
White House Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

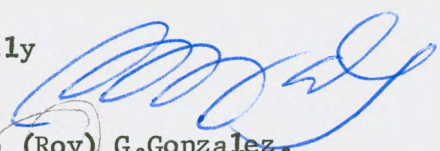
Dear Howard:

Congratulations on your new position as the White House Chief of Staff. I know President Reagan will have a good friend and a good man to help him to bring the necessary pride of his Office.

I have been in your Majority Fund Committee for a few years and I hope to see you later in the year in Houston.

With my kindest personal regards to you and The President and his First Lady, I remain

Sincerely


Rogelio (Roy) G. Gonzalez.

P.S. I am a good Friend of Vice-President Bush, Secretary of Treasury James Baker, Senator Phil Gramm and many other Government Officials.

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March 18, 1987

Dear Mrs. Dill:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Donald G. Dill, Jr.
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Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

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Mrs. Donald G. Dill, Jr.
3516 Sunset Drive
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

December 28, 1983

Dear Howard

We are so proud of you!
You got to the White House
quicker than you got caught - &
it was certainly step work perfectly
knowing that you are in
control - Donald & Judy Don
join me in wishing you much
success. You are such a fine
man, & I'm not worried of all - a
human being -
With love to you & you - over
P. B.

Hail to the Chief! Congratulations from Don III!

Don III wants to know if
he can be of any help!

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Dear Steve:

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With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Steve King
Chairman
Republican Party of Wisconsin
Post Office Box 31
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

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Steve King
Chairman
Republican Party of Wisconsin

March 7, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Howard:

Let me join with the many who are welcoming you to the White House as the President's new Chief of Staff.

The task ahead is, no doubt, a difficult one. The restoration of the President's agenda, and the renewed management of White House operations could be one of the most challenging tasks of your career as a distinguished public servant. I can think of no other man who could most certainly assure the success of Ronald Reagan and the remainder of his tenure as President.

Your willingness to serve the President during this challenging period, and in light of your own political considerations, is a personal sacrifice. Your commitment to the Republic and intense sense of duty will ensure that this Presidency is, once again, on track.

Be assured that as Chairman of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, I am prepared to assist you in any way that would be helpful to the President, and I encourage you to contact me at any time.

Thank you Howard for all you've done, and congratulations.

Sincerely,

Steve King
STEVE KING
State Chairman

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March 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Harrity:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Chick Harrity
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CHICK HARRITY

Dear Senator Baker,

I just wanted to say thanks for your time in our photo session on Thursday and to congratulate you on beating out all the competition and getting "Picture of the Week" in our magazine that will come out Monday. It's a terrific portrait.

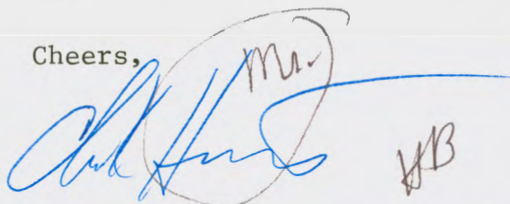
The reason for all the "talent" holding the lights for our peers was to say hello and welcome you to your new job.

As usual, I found the conversation a delight. I especially perked up when you mentioned that you were going to bring your Leica M6 into work and throw it in a drawer so that you would have it around to use when the feeling strikes.

Obviously you could do a hell of a book about how the White House is going to work during these last two years of the Reagan administration. I'm not in the book publishing business, but I sure would like to offer U.S. News as a place to exhibit your White House work whenever you feel it is the right time. We'd be very happy to be the showcase for Howard Baker's photojournalistic documentation of these next years. I'm sure that publication would be at the end of the term, but hey, that will be your decision, I just want you to take the camera to work and make pictures.

When, and if, you ever have time, I'd love to talk with you further.

Cheers,



March 18, 1987

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. A. Frank Smith, Jr.
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A. FRANK SMITH, JR.
3319 FIRST CITY TOWER
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

March 2, 1987

Dear Howard:

Congratulations! Your decision to accept the Chief of Staff position at this time and to forego a run for the Republican nomination was that of a statesman. The mere announcement of your appointment poured oil on waters that were very troubled. I have no doubt that in the days ahead your leadership will restore order and a sense of direction to our national policy. Our country needs you now. Thank you for responding.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff to the President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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March 18, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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Chairman, Advisory Board
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March 4, 1987

The Hon. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff to the President
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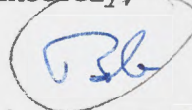
Dear Howard:

Little did either of us realize when we had dinner together just a month ago at Mary and Jim Evans' apartment that you would now be operating from the White House as Chief of Staff. I can't tell you what a mixture of relief and joy I felt when the announcement was made that you were making as great a sacrifice as necessary to take on the position. As I have said to everyone I meet, I know it will be good for the President, for the Republican party, and for the country.

The TV media and newspaper reporters have done a fair job in jumping on "Irangate" to tear down the President and the Office of the President, and I am sure they are itching to do more. Nothing could be more important than trying to rebuild the confidence and sense of patriotism that President Reagan had kindled over the last six years. I am sure that you have that foremost in your mind.

If there is anything that ever I can do to be helpful in this effort, I would certainly like to offer a hand. I know you will be frightfully busy assembling the right team around you, and I wish you the very best of luck.

Sincerely,



Robert H. B. Baldwin
Chairman, Advisory Board

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March 18, 1987

Dear Mack:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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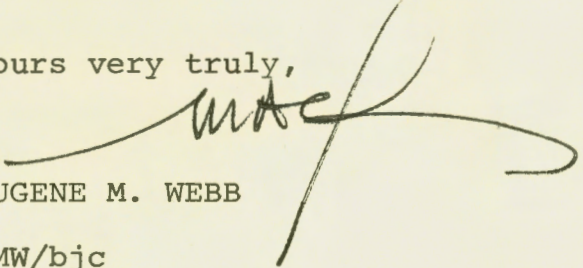
The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
The Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.

Dear Howard:

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my family to wish you the very best in your new position as Chief of Staff for President Reagan.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,


EUGENE M. WEBB

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March 18, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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The Honorable John J. Marchi
Senator of the State of New York
Albany, New York 12247

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JOHN J. MARCHI
SENATOR, 24TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
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March 3, 1987

Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Howard:

It had been my hope to call you after passage of the New York budget at the end of this month but front burner issues in Washington changed an awful lot of plans.

Your presence at the seat of government in Washington now, is providential and you certainly have the prayers and best wishes of countless Americans.

On the subject of cabbages and kings, I have repeatedly refused to join any efforts in New York State and I am counseling, in return, that it is still early and our minds should remain open and available.

The enclosed copy of a letter I composed last December was widely distributed and reprinted statewide. I humbly suggest it may be relevant to your agenda. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Incidentally, I shared our discussion on deductibility of state taxes, as you had agreed, at our 1985 NCSL Conference and it helped materially to carry the day.

God be with you and all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John J. Marchi", enclosed within a circular outline.

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